Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Thelma Smith, and we are richer because Thelma lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Thelma was born September 16, 1906, to Alex and Gertrude Smith in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and,

Whereas, Thelma attended school in White River, South Dakota, worked as a housekeeper at the Mellette County Courthouse and was active in the Rebekkah Lodge and her church activities; and,

Whereas, Thelma resides at the White River Health Care Center and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2006, as

THELMA SMITH DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State